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S. 2344

To create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Internet Safety Edu-
5 cation Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR INTERNET SAFETY EDUCATION PRO-**
7 **GRAMS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
9 the funds authorized to be appropriated under this section,
10 the Attorney General of the United States shall create and

1 administer a competitive grant program for eligible orga-
 2 nizations to carry out Internet safety education programs.

3 (b) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION.—For purposes of this
 4 section, the Attorney General shall by rule define the term
 5 eligible organization. The rulemaking conducted under
 6 this subsection shall require that the term eligible organi-
 7 zation includes State organizations.

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the term “Internet safety” includes issues
 10 regarding the use of the Internet in a manner that
 11 promotes safe online activity for children, includ-
 12 ing—

13 (A) interacting with other individuals on
 14 social networking programs, chat rooms, email,
 15 bulletin boards, instant messaging, and other
 16 means of online communication;

17 (B) teaching parents and teachers about
 18 online safety for children; and

19 (C) empowering and encouraging parents
 20 to talk to their children about internet safety;
 21 and

22 (2) the term “Internet safety education pro-
 23 grams” means programs that provide—

24 (A) age-appropriate free Internet Safety
 25 education services to children; and

1 (B) free Internet Safety programs for par-
2 ents and teachers for the purpose of educating
3 children.

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for grants
6 under this section for each of fiscal years 2008 through
7 2012.

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